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SUBJECT: NEPAL ASKS FOR SUPPORT FOR 2008 UNSC SEAT

Classified By: Ambassador James F. Moriarty. Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

Foreign Minister Asks for U.S. Support

¶1. (C) K.P. Oli, Nepal's new Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, in a May 10 meeting with the Ambassador asked for USG support for Nepal's candidacy for the Asia non-permanent United Nations Security Council seat to be selected at the UN General Assembly this fall. He noted that Nepal last had a seat in 1988, before democracy came to Nepal. He explained that it would be encouraging to the people of Nepal to have the country sit in the UNSC as a democratic country. Oli said that Indonesia and South Korea had expressed interest in the seat, but Indonesia recently served in 1996, and South Korea had a candidate for the UN Secretary General position. Oli said that Nepal, unlike

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South Korea, could play a very "neutral" role on the issue of North Korea. Oli stated that Nepal's Ambassador to the UN, Madhu Raman Acharya, was not being recalled. Instead, he would remain in New York to lobby for Nepal's candidacy during the September 2006 General Assembly. Oli said Acharya also would convey Nepal's request to Washington.

Comment

¶2. (C) The fact that the new Deputy Prime Minister brought this issue up in his first official meeting with the Ambassador indicates the new democratic government's keen interest in the Asia UNSC seat.

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